

State of Emergency for 9 California counties NEW Drought Information
Delta Town Hall Meetings

In addition to the Governor's Executive Order proclaiming a statewide drought on June 4:

<http://gov.ca.gov/executive-order/9797/>

a State of Emergency Proclamation was made June 12 for many central valley counties, due to the drought:

<http://gov.ca.gov/proclamation/9898>

The 9 counties involved are: Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Kern.

DWR's 2008 Drought Update Report is now available. This 110 page report covers recent hydrologic conditions, advances in climate and drought research, and emergency declaration information, among other things.

This valuable report is available online at:

<http://watersupplyconditions.water.ca.gov/DroughtReport2008.pdf>

or is purchasable for \$5.00. Make checks payable to Department of Water Resources. California Residents add current sales tax. Please write to:

Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

An updated Urban Drought Guidebook was also published recently. This 208-page document provides technical assistance to local water suppliers:

<http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/docs/UrbanDroughtGuide.pdf>

On July 18, the first in a series of interactive webcasts on drought was co-sponsored by the Department of Water Resources, the Association of California Water Agencies, and the California Water Awareness Campaign.

This 50 minute program is now archived at the following location:

<http://www.webexlivestream.com/water/26945/>

For more information on drought and conservation, please go to:

<http://water.ca.gov>

<http://acwa.com>

www.wateraware.org

The May, 2008 monthly weather summary is posted on the State Meteorologist webpage:

http://www.weather.water.ca.gov/docs/Monthly_Weather_Summary_052008.pdf

Three Delta town hall meetings are scheduled; Monday, June 23 from 6-8pm in Suisun City; Tuesday, June 24 from 6-8pm in Walnut Grove, and Wednesday, June 25 from 6-8pm in Stockton. Major ongoing delta programs include Delta Vision, the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Study, FloodSafe California, Delta emergency response planning, Delta Risk Management and various habitat restoration efforts. The public is invited to participate:

<http://www.water.ca.gov/news/newsreleases/2008/061108deltatownhalls.pdf>

Look for another installment of this newsletter in July, with longer range seasonal outlooks. With statewide runoff estimates at 58% of historical average, and most major reservoirs across the state half full, we should all be doing our rain dance....

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